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C O N F I D E N T I A L GENEVA 9629

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SUBJ: ITU: DESIGNATION OF WEST BERLIN IN CCITT DOCUMENTS

REF: (A) STATE 287224 (B) GENEVA 9312 (C) GENEVA 8737

1. SUMMARY: GENEVA GROUP OF FOUR MET WITH ITU DEPUTY SECRETARY GENERAL BUTLER ON DECEMBER 2 AND JOINTLY AGREED ON TERMINOLOGY IN UPCOMING EDITION OF THE EUROPEAN PLAN BOOK WHICH WAS ACCEPTABLE TO ALL PARTIES. WE NOW REGARD THIS MATTER AS CLOSED. END SUMMARY.

2. AFTER ADVANCE CONSULTATIONS, THE GENEVA GROUP OF FOUR MET WITH ITU DEPUTY SYG BUTLER ON DECEMBER 2 TO DISCUSS A SOLUTION TO SUBJECT PROBLEM. AFTER HOUR-LONG TALKS, HELD IN FRIENDLY AND CORDIAL ATMOSPHERE, BUTLER AND FOUR AGREED TO FOLLOWING:

A. DISCLAIMER: LANGUAGE WILL REMAIN UNCHANGED FROM THAT REPORTED IN REF C;

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B. ADDITIONAL DISCLAIMER WILL BE PRESENTED IN PREFACE
SECTION OF DOCUMENT IMMEDIATELY PRIOR TO TABLES: "TO FACILITATE
COMPUTER OR OTHER PROCESSING AND UTILIZATION OF THE TRAFFIC
INFORMATION BY THE USERS, THE SECRETARIAT HAS CONSIDERED IT
DESIRABLE TO PROVIDE SOME EXPLANATORY NOTES CONCERNING THE
IDENTIFICATION OF TRAFFIC AND INTERNATIONAL EXCHANGES
CONCERNED SO AS TO ASSIST RECONCILIATION OF THE TRAFFIC STREAMS".
BUTLER STATED HE NEEDED THIS DISCLAIMER IN ORDER TO COVER
HIMSELF IN BERLIN MATTER AND GROUP OF FOUR AGREED;

C. TF-1 (LIST OF INTERNATIONAL SWITCHING EXCHANGES): FRG
DESIGNATION OF BERLIN EXCHANGE AS "D-BERLIN (WEST)" REMAINS
UNCHANGED.

D. TF-2 (LIST OF POINT TO POINT CONTACTS): BOTH FRANCE
AND UK INSISTED ON RETAINING THEIR SUBMISSIONS AS "D-BERLIN"
INSTEAD OF ALLOWING BUTLER TO "HARMONIZE" ON "D-BERLIN (WEST)".
HOWEVER, BUTLER PROPOSED AND GROUP OF FOUR AGREED TO ADD
ASTERISK AFTER FRENCH AND UK SUBMISSIONS REFERRING TO FOLLOWING
FOOTNOTE: "SECRETARIAT NOTE: FOR RECONCILIATION PURPOSES,
SEE TABLE TF-1 FOR NAME OF EXCHANGE CONCERNED." BUTLER WILL ALSO
ADD "D" TO DDR SUBMISSION WHICH NOW LISTS BERLIN (WEST) WITH
NO COUNTRY SYMBOL.

E. TF-6 (LIST OF CIRCUIT FORECASTS): BUTLER AGREED TO
ALTER DDR PRESENTATION TO AMALGAMATE BOTH FRG AND WEST BERLIN
CIRCUITS AND TO LIST THE TOTAL OF BOTH UNDER THE SYMBOL "D"
WITH ASTERISK REFERRING TO FOLLOWING: "SECRETARIAT NOTE: THIS
INCLUDES CIRCUIT FORECASTS PRESENTED IN REGARD TO BERLIN (WEST)".

F. BUTLER ALSO AGREED TO MAKE CORRESPONDING CHANGES
THROUGHOUT DOCUMENT WHERE BERLIN (WEST) IS CONCERNED (FOR
EXAMPLE, WITH REGARDS TO TELEGRAPH FACILITIES).

3. CONCERNING DDR REACTION, BUTLER AGAIN ASSURED GROUP OF
FOUR THAT EAST GERMANS ASSURED HIM AGAIN ON DECEMBER 1 THAT WHILE
THEY CANNOT APPROVE BUTLER'S PROPOSALS, THEY WILL TOLERATE THEM.

4. GROUP OF FOUR HIGHLY PLEASED WITH ARRANGEMENTS MADE AND
WITH BUTLER'S COOPERATION. WE BELIEVE WESTERN INTERESTS
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WELL PROTECTED RE TF-2 AND BELIEVE SOLUTION OF TF-6 HIGHLY
ADVANTAGEOUS TO US. AND WE RELIEVED THAT THIS MATTER HAS
NOW COME TO A SUCCESSFUL CONCLUSION.CATTO

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